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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lt Howard A. Stern

FROM: Norman Redlich

Very early in our Commission work, I inquired of the Secret Service as to why the Presidential motorcade turned right on Houston Street instead of proceeding straight ahead on Main Street on to the Freeway. I was told that one could not reach the Stemmons Freeway except through the Elm Street approach which would, of course, require the right turn at Houston Street and the left turn at Elm Street.

I have read a document entitled "Oswald, the Impossible Assassin" by Joachim Joesten who is apparently preparing a book on the subject. He claims that he personally drove down Main Street in Dallas and was able to make a right turn on to the Stemmons Freeway. I would suggest that when you are in Dallas that you confirm this fact. If it is true, then it raises certain obvious questions as to why the detour on to Houston and Elm Streets was chosen.

A copy of this memorandum is also going to Mr. Specter since it relates to the general subject matter of the President's trip.

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